

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHRISTIAN PAUL EDWARDS,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 4:23-cv-01111-MTS
	)	
ST. CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT,	)	
<i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1), the Court assessed an initial partial filing fee upon Plaintiff in this matter. Doc. [8]. The Court ordered Plaintiff to pay the initial partial filing fee of \$51.60 no later than Monday, March 18, 2024. The Court expressly admonished Plaintiff that the failure to timely pay the initial partial filing fee would “result in the dismissal of this action.” Doc. [8] at 12; *see also In re Smith*, 114 F.3d 1247, 1251 (D.C. Cir. 1997) (noting that, under the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the failure to pay the initial partial filing fee required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) may result in dismissal of a prisoner’s action (citing *Ayo v. Bathey*, 106 F.3d 98, 101 (5th Cir. 1997) (per curiam))).

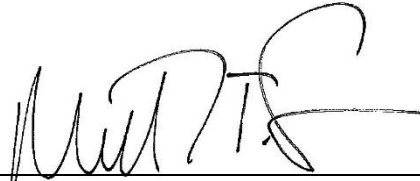
More than a week has passed since Plaintiff’s deadline, but he still has failed to pay the fee.\* Thus, Plaintiff has not only failed to pay the statutorily required initial partial filing fee, but he also has disregarded an Order of this Court. *See Brown v. Frey*, 806 F.2d

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\* Plaintiff did not request additional time to pay the fee; nor did he attempt to demonstrate that he “has no assets and no means by which to pay the initial partial filing fee.” *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(4).

801, 803 (8th Cir. 1986) (explaining a district court has the power “to dismiss an action for the plaintiff’s failure to comply with any court order”). For these reasons, the Court will enter an Order of Dismissal herewith dismissing Plaintiff’s action without prejudice.

Dated this 28th day of March 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MATTS', is written over a horizontal line.

MATTHEW T. SCHELP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE